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SUBJ: CIEC-EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON US-EC EXCHANGE OF  
VIEWS IN WASHINGTON ON FEB 16

REF: EC BRUSSELS 1316

1. MINISTER BENEDIKT VON TSCHARNER, CHIEF, ENERGY QUESTIONS,  
DIVISION OF COMMERCE, HAS PASSED ON TO US CURRENT SWISS  
THINKING ON CIEC.

2. SWISS HOPE SUMMIT WILL TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO CIEC  
MINISTERIAL. FOR REASONS STATED PARA 3 REFTEL, THEY  
TOO HOPE SUMMIT CAN BE HELD EARLY ENOUGH SO THAT  
MINISTERIAL CAN TAKE PLACE BY END MAY.

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3. SWISS BELIEVE THAT G-8 SHOULD PRESENT PROPOSALS AND  
DEMANDS ON TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT BASIS AT MINISTERIAL.  
THEY URGE THAT THIS BE LAST MINISTERIAL AND FINAL CIEC  
MEETING. THEY SEE NO ADVANTAGES IN INSTITUTIONALIZING  
THE CIEC, AND WISH TO RETURN TO THE OTHER FORUMS  
AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSION OF ISSUES NOW UNDER CON-  
SIDERATION IN CIEC.

4. SWISS HAVE IMPRESSION THAT THERE IS LITTLE ROOM FOR QTE IMPROVEMENT UNQTE IN G-8 OFFERS, EXCEPT POSSIBLY IN FIELDS OF TRADE AND OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. SWISS FEEL ANY FURTHER ACTIONS ON TRADE SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN MTN'S; AND THAT SOME SORT OF RECIPROCITY SHOULD BE DEMANDED. SWISS CAN DO LITTLE OR NOTHING TO INCREASE THEIR ODA. SWISS ECONOMIC RECOVERY HAS NOT READILY BEGUN, AND THEY ARE MAKING STRONG EFFORT TO INTRODUCE NEW TAX SYSTEM BASED ON THE VALUE-ADDED TAX. THEIR CHANCES OF SUCCESS ARE ABOUT 50-50, AND WOULD DROP CONSIDERABLY BELOW THAT IF THOSE VOTING IN REFERENDUM ON VAT BELIEVED THAT A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE INCREASED REVENUES TO BE RAISED WOULD BE SPENT ON ODA. THEREFORE SWISS ARE UNEASY ABOUT WHAT THEY SEE AS DEVELOPING TENDENCY ON PART US AND OTHER G-8 COUNTRIES IN DIRECTION OF ACCEPTANCE NEW ODA TARGET AS PART OF CIEC PACKAGE.

5. SWISS REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT INABILITY OF G-8 TO AGREE ON A POSITION AND ON DEMANDS TO BE MADE OF THE G-19.  
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